## (19) World Intellectual Property Organization International Bureau



## 

(43) International Publication Date 6 October 2005 (06.10.2005)

**PCT** 

(10) International Publication Number WO 2005/093257 A1

(51) International Patent Classification<sup>7</sup>: 17/00, G01B 05/30

F04B 49/00,

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/US2005/006869

(22) International Filing Date:

4 March 2005 (04.03.2005)

(25) Filing Language:

**English** 

(26) Publication Language:

English

(30) Priority Data: 60/550,694

5 March 2004 (05.03.2004) US

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): WATERS INVESTMENTS LIMITED [US/US]; 109 Lukens Drive, New Castle, DE 19720 (US).

(72) Inventors; and

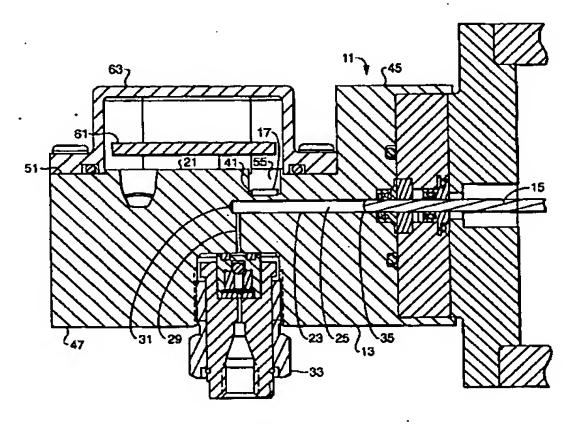
(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): LUONGO, Joseph, A. [US/US]; 7 Saddle Way, Walpole, MA 02081 (US). ANGELOSANTO, John [US/US]; 426 Kelley Blvd, North Attleboro, MA 02760 (US). RUBINO, Frank [US/US]; 186 Jefferson Street, North Attleboro, MA 02790 (US).

PENSAK, Stanley, P., Jr. [US/US]; 5 Johnson Street, East Walpole, MA 02032 (US). PUGNAIRE, Jean-Pierre [US/US]; 103 Columbia Road, Arlington, MA 02174 (US). VENABLE, Richard, R. [US/US]; 8 Essex Road, Milton, MA 02186 (US). FIRST, David, J. [US/US]; 615 Bedford Road, Carlisle, MA 01741 (US).

- (74) Agent: JANIUK, Anthony, J.; Waters Corporation, 34 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757 (US).
- (81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NA, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, NA, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI,

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: DEVICE AND METHODS OF MEASURING PRESSURE



(57) Abstract: Embodiments of the present invention are directed to method and devices for measuring the pressure of a pump chamber in which no internal opening or connections are needed. One embodiment of the present invention is directed to an apparatus for pumping fluid. The apparatus comprises at least one housing having a transducer surface. The transducer surface has a thickness exhibiting measurable deformation upon the chamber holding a fluid under pressure such that the transducer surface has a first position at which the chamber is at a second pressure. A strain sensor is affixed to the transducer surface producing; at least one signal upon the transducer surface assuming the first position and at least one signal upon the transducer surface assuming the second position to function as an integrated pressure transducer.

5/093257 A1

## WO 2005/093257 A1



FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, MC, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

## Published:

— with international search report